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Sir:

Please amend the above-identified division application, prior to examination on the merits, as follows:

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 43-62 without prejudice or disclaimer to their underlying subject matter and add new claims 63-82 as follows:

-- 63. (Newly added) A video system comprising:

preferencing means for preestablishing content preferences responsive to a level of explicitness in each of a set of content categories, the preestablishing permitting the application of the content preferences in a playing of a variety of videos;

selecting means for selecting segments of a video, the selecting resulting from the application of the preestablished content preferences to segment information defining at least one segment of the video, the defining being responsive to a level of explicitness in at least one of the content categories; and

random access and buffering means for playing, from within the video, without requiring an alternate source of video, and by editing-out at least one segment of the video, the selected segments as an edited continuous version of the video.